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ASSOCIATIVE POLYMERS AND)
THEIR USE FOR A)
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In reply to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2003, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed February 11, 2004, the period for reply having been extended to May 11, 2004 by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in view of the following remarks, which are filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

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